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INTER-KOREAN AFFAIRS

BRIEFS

DPRK-U.S. SPORTS EXCHANGE--Seoul Aug 8 HAPDONG-KYODO--South Korea indicated Wednesday that it may not object to sports exchanges between the U.S. and North Korea if they proved helpful to easing tension on the Korean Peninsula. A ranking official at the South Korean Foreign Ministry said Wednesday the government has been carefully considering a "change" in its policy to deal with the development "in a positive manner." The official was commenting on the recent move by a private American sports organization which invited North Korean basketball and boxing teams to visit the United States for friendly series. The invitation has yet to be accepted by Pyongyang. The South Korean official who wanted to remain anonymous said the government was still undecided about concrete measures to cope with the U.S. initiative toward Pyongyang, but added a careful study was being made to formulate new policy measures designed to deal in affirmative manner with the possible start of non-political contacts, namely, the suggested sports exchanges between Washington and Pyongyang. [Text] [Tokyo KYODO in English time not given 8 Aug 79 OW]

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S. KOREA/ECONOMY

ECONOMY SHOWS SIGNS OF RECESSION

June Business Warning Index

Tokyo KYODO in English time not given 8 Aug 79 OW

[Text] Seoul Aug 8 HAPDONG-KYODO--The Korean economy began to show signs of recession in June this year, it was learned at the Bank of Korea Wednesday.

According to the Central Bank, the business warning index in June dipped by 0.2 to 1.1, the lowest level ever recorded since August 1975.

The business warning index in May also fell by 0.3 to 1.3, and this indicated that the business warning index dropped by 0.5 in two months, sources at the Central Bank explained.

They attributed the decline chiefly to the sluggish producer's shipments, the rising inventory stocks and the slowdown in the growth rate of savings-type deposits.

To make things worse, the sources said, wholesale prices as of July 25 marked a rise of 19.9 per cent since the beginning of this year and consumer prices as of the same date reflected an increase of 14.1

First 7-Month Deficit

Tokyo KYODO in English time not given 8 Aug 79 OW

[Text] Seoul Aug 8 HAPDONG-KYODO--South Korea suffered a record deficit of dollar 3,272.3 million in its visible trade during the first seven months of this year.

According to government sources Wednesday, South Korea's merchandise exports in the January-July period of this year amounted to dollar 8,061.7 million against imports of dollar 11,334 million, both on a customs clearance basis, leaving a deficit of dollar 3,272.3 million.

The seven-month deficit showed a whopping increase over the trade deficit of dollar 591 million in 1976, dollar 477 million in 1977 and dollar 1,813 million in 1978, the sources said.

It also compared with the dollar 2,500 million trade deficit originally envisaged in the nation's international balance-of-payments program for this year and the revised estimate of dollar 3,800 million, the sources said.

The arrivals of export letters of credit last month came to dollar 1,016.8 million, bringing the aggregate since the beginning of this year to dollar 7,618.9 million, while import licenses validated last month reached dollar 1,479.6 million, to dollar 10,249.5 million, the sources revealed.

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ROK TO USE SATELLITE FOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Seoul KOREA NEWSREVIEW in English 21 Jul 79 pp 18-19

[Text]

"Korea has become one of the few nations that can utilize the remotely sensed data transmitted from the earth resources satellites," said Dr. Ahn Moon-suk of the Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) last week. According to him, the Korea Institute of Science and Technology succeeded in developing the "KIST Image Processing Software (KIPS)" that is designed for analyzing satellite data in such areas as resource exploration, land use, crop assessment and environmental impacts. Dr. Ahn's team applied it in preparing the coastal depth map in Korea.

Explaining about the origin of the method, he said that the data sent by Landsat 1 provided the scientists with new tools to investigate the earth and its environment. Henceforth, the developed countries such as the United States, Canada and France broadened its applications to almost every resource management area as a vital means of fighting against the world's energy and resource crisis.

As a computer expert, Dr. Ahn emphasized, "A computer with properly prepared softwares can keep track of all these interband correlations on a point-by-point basis to examine the conditions of the earth's surface. The forest classification maps made through this technology, for example, provide the resource managers with information like the cover type and stand condition of all the forested areas."

Currently, the satellites providing the remote sensing data are Landsat 2 and Landsat 3 launched by NASA and they are in tandem orbit providing data about Korea every nine days according to him.

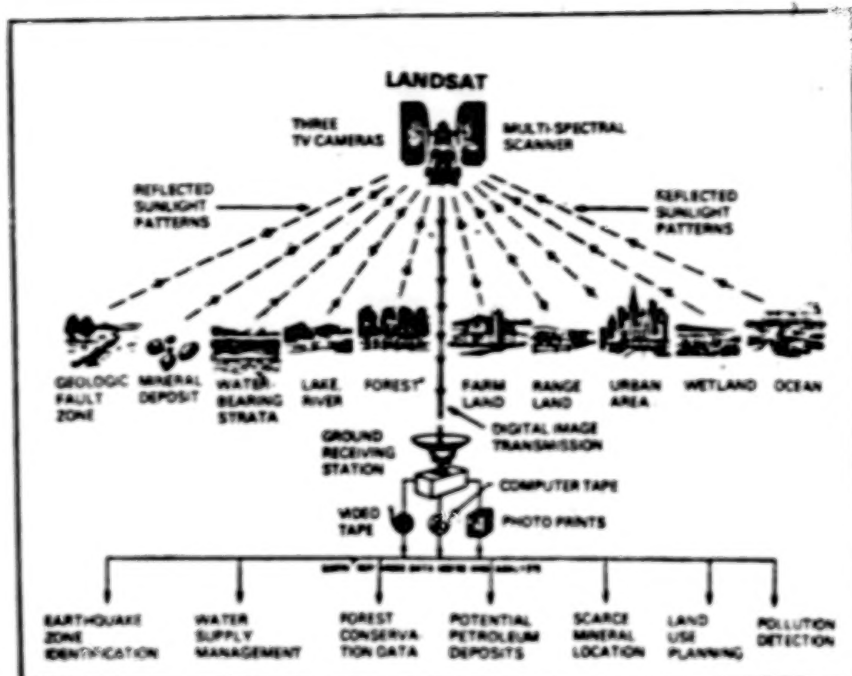
Dr. Ahn, who is the head of the software development laboratory of KIST and the conductor of the KIPS team, explained that timely data collection, large computing facilities and well-trained people of this field are the preconditions to bring the full benefits of the newest technology to the nations concerned.

"In this respect, Korea is in good shape except for one thing that is timely data collection," he argued. "We have one alternative. Japan, under a licensing agreement with the United States just completed a tracking station with the range and excess capacity to record all Landsat MSS imagery of Korea. Under this agreement, Japan will not only collect the Landsat data but will also make it available to other countries within the range of the Japanese tracking station." "Of course Korea is included in this range," he said.

He concluded by saying "Never before in human history has the need been greater for sounder planning, management and equitable distribution of the earth resources and for environmental protection." "I believe the use of the remote sensing technology is one of the few alternatives man should immediately tackle to be free from future shock."

The team also plans to complete the forest classification map of Chungchong Pukto within this year.

Key



Typical ground features recorded via Landsat and the transmission of data for ultimate use by resource managers.

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S. KOREA/FOREIGN TRADE

BRIEFS

OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT--Seoul Aug 3 OP-KYODO--The Korean Government plans to cut back sharply its current restrictions on Koreans working overseas in an effort to counter the recent drop in domestic employment. Government officials said Friday that they are now surveying the job situation in each type of business in preparation for easing the restrictions, imposed in November 1977. The officials said that they plan to lift all restrictions on the overseas employment of electricians, plasterers, surveying engineers and 17 other kinds of workers, now subject to approval by government authorities. Overseas employment of draftsmen, carpenters, iron-frame workers and 32 other kinds of workers, which has been prohibited will be possible upon the approval of the authorities, who will take into account the local job situations, the officials added. [Text] [Tokyo KYODO in English no time given 3 Aug 79 OW]

FOOTWEAR PLANT--Seoul, 30 Jul--A Korean firm will undertake the construction of a footwear plant in Thailand on a turn-key basis, industry sources here said today. Chulwang Leather Company of Korea has recently concluded a one-million dollar contract with the state-run tanning organization of Thailand for the construction of the footwear plant, the sources said. Under the contract, the Korean firm will also provide engineering services and technical knowhow for production of military shoes as well as plant equipment and machinery, the sources said. [Text] [Seoul HAPTONG in English 0236 GMT 30 Jul 79 SK]

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S. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

BRIEFS

COMPENSATION TO KOREAN VICTIMS--Seoul, 6 Aug--The International League for Human Rights of Korea today urged Japan to provide to the surviving Korean victims of World War II atomic bombing the same medical treatment and compensation as those given to the Japanese victims. The call was made on the occasion of the 34th anniversary of atomic bombing in Hiroshima, Japan. In a statement the organization said the dispatch to Korea by Japan of a few medical personnel a year for the treatment of an estimated 30,000 victims residing here would not solve all their problems and agonies. It called on the Japanese Government to present a measure designed to fundamentally solve the problems of treatment and compensation instead. An estimated 100,000 Koreans were victimized in the 1945 nuclear bombing of Hiroshima, of which 30,000 survivors are residing here. [Text] [Seoul HAPTONG in English 0230 GMT 6 Aug 79 SK]

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KIM IL-SONG GIVES GUIDANCE TO PYONGAN PROVINCE FARMERS

Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2200 GMT 6 Aug 79 SK

[Text] From 3 to 6 August the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song gave an on-the-spot guidance to agricultural workers of South Pyongan Province.

During this period the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song visited the Oeso, Pobu and Yongjin cooperative farms and other cooperatives and acquainted himself in detail with agricultural work and gave programmatic teachings.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song gave on-the-spot guidance to the Oeso cooperative farm. He visited the cornfields of workteam No 5 of this cooperative farm, acquainting himself in detail with this year's corn crop, and expressed satisfaction with the fact that an unusually good harvest of corn is foreseen as a result of successful corn farming done in accordance with the demands of the chuche-based farm method.

Stressing that one of the important problems in further increasing corn yield at the present time is to thoroughly prevent damage caused by insects and plant diseases, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that a struggle should be mounted to prevent damage caused by insects and plant diseases.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that in order to prevent damage by insects and plant diseases, all corn roots should be pulled out and burned in the fall, all corn straw should be pulverized and used as feed for livestock or as compost, and fire be set to cornfield ditches [patturang].

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song instructed that in order to prevent damage by insects and plant diseases, insects should be trapped by setting up lamps in the cornfields and more agricultural chemicals should be produced and spread in a timely and careful manner.

Saying that nitrolime fertilizer is good for corn, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that the production of nitrolime fertilizer should be increased and applied to all cornfields.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that it is important for agricultural science research organizations to carry on much experimental crop cultivation along with their research work on seed cultivation.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song gave on-the-spot guidance to the Pobu cooperative farm. He visited the field of workteam No 1 of the Pobu cooperative farm where he heard about corn farming from members of the workteam and was pleased with their good results. Explaining the correctness of the party policy which long ago advanced the slogan "corn is the king of the dryfield crops" and emphasizing the cultivation of corn in nonpaddy-fields, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that when sufficient amounts of fertilizers are applied high corn yields will be attained every year.

Saying that in 1956 our party initiated corn farming for the first time in Kaechon County, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song said that at that time the farmers of Kaechon County abandoned the old practice of planting mostly millet in nonpaddy-fields and boldly started cultivating corn as taught by the party and thus making possible the developments we see today.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song instructed that, since corn uses up the nutrient elements of the soil, after careful soil analysis, the required amounts of (?microelements) should continuously be supplied to corn.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that good quality humus soil should be produced to enhance the quality of humus pots since humus pots contain various (?microelements) good for young growing corn.

Stressing that, although humus pot cultivation of corn requires much labor, when corn is transplanted from the corn humus pots prior to the rice transplanting season or after it--as it is done in North Hamgyong Province--the periods of rice transplanting and corn transplanting coincide and therefore much labor can be saved. The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that corn humus pots and cold rice beds [neangsang mopan] should be constructed.

Saying that Kaechon County should continue to take the lead in corn farming the great leader, Comrade Kim Il-song, set forth the goal of increasing the corn yield per hectare.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song gave an on-the-spot guidance at the Yongjin cooperative farm. He inspected the tobacco field of the first sub-workteam of the youth tobacco workteam of the Yongjin cooperative farm and expressed great satisfaction upon hearing that tobacco output this year is expected to double as compared with that of last year and greeted the members of the youth sub-workteam who played a great role in the tobacco cultivation.

Noting that young people have collectively advanced to the countryside after graduation from school and that they are making great contributions to

agricultural production, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song said that young people who work well should be sent to national meetings in the future.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song surveyed tobacco farming in detail and gave instructions on how to do tobacco farming well. Noting that tobacco farming is an interesting and rewarding work, the great leader stressed that what is important in tobacco cultivation is to correctly set the number of plants per pyong. Saying that tobacco cultivation should be done well, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song stressed that fertilizers should be applied in accordance with the biological characteristics of tobacco.

After stressing that as large quantities of tobacco are produced, it is important to dry and store tobacco well, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song instructed that more storehouses should be built and that the purchasing organizations should do their buying on time. He also taught that measures to utilize tobacco stalk effectively should be studied.

All the party members and agricultural working people in South Pyongan Province who received the on-the-spot teachings of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song are filled with determination to effect a new turn in agricultural production this year by thoroughly implementing the great leader's on-the-spot instructions.

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RADIO REPORTS KIM'S ON-THE-SPOT GUIDANCE IN S. HAMGYONG

Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2200 GMT 5 Aug 79 SK

[Text] The great leader of our party and our people Comrade Kim Il-song gave on-the-spot guidance to work in the agricultural domain of South Hamgyong Province for 4 days from 31 July to 3 August. In this period the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song inspected the Suhung cooperative farm in Hamju County, the Pongdae cooperative farm in Chongpyong County and other cooperative farms, and acquainted himself with the agricultural situation of the province in detail and gave programmatic teachings.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song gave on-the-spot guidance in the Suhung cooperative farm of Hamju County. The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song inspected the rice fields of the second workteam of this cooperative farm, expressing deep satisfaction with the fact that an unusually good harvest is forseen as a result of farming done in a scientific and technical manner in accordance with the demands of the chuche-based farm method.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song heard in detail about the farm work this year from members of the cooperative farm and taught them that when farm work is done in a scientific and technical manner grain output can be increased.

Stressing the need to firmly establish a scientific manuring system, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that nitrogenous fertilizer, phosphate fertilizer, potassic fertilizer and other fertilizers should be applied in proper combination.

Saying that only when fertilizer is applied in a timely manner can grain output be increase, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that sufficient storehouses fertilizer should be built and sufficient fertilizers be stored so that they can be applied on time. The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that it is important to make the rice plant bear many ears but what is more important is to make all ears bear good grains.

The great leader Kim Il-song also taught that the temperature of water in the fields should be adjusted in accordance with the technical regulations so that rice should be protected from damage by high temperature.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song grasped the cultivation of vine haricot beans in the cooperative farm. Saying that haricot beans contain many nutrients which are very wholesome for the people, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song instructed that vine haricot beans should be cultivated well to supply them to nursery and kindergarten children and farmers.

Pointing out that our agricultural guidance system is very good, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that greater advance should be made in agricultural production by further demonstrating the superiority of the agricultural guidance system. The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song gave on-the-spot guidance to the Pongdae cooperative farm. After visiting the corn fields of the youth workteam of this cooperative farm, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song expressed his satisfaction with the fact that the corn is doing well, promising a good harvest and grasped in detail the corn farm.

Saying that in order to increase corn yield it is very important to prevent damage by noxious insects and plant diseases, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that all corn roots should be pulled out and burned in the fall and that corn straws be pulverized and used as feed for livestock. Saying that in order to prevent damage caused by noxious insects and plant diseases nitrolime fertilizer should be applied, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song stressed the need to produce much more nitrolime fertilizer and the need to catch butterflies by setting up lamps in the cornfields.

Noting that Chongpyong County has made significant progress in agricultural production in the past period by improving soil well in accordance with our party's agricultural policy, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that Chongpyong County should spread large quantities of carbide ashes on the field in the future, too, to get rid of acidic soil. Saying that, in order to reap a high and stable harvest, good varieties of corn should be planted, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught that more varieties of corn which are short and thick in stalk should be planted.

Saying that it is important to prevent blighted ears of corn, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song established concrete measures for this.

Having grasped farming conditions as a whole in South Hamgyong Province this year, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song expressed satisfaction with the fact that a very good harvest is foreseen in rice, corn and all other crops and taught that another bumper harvest should be brought in this year by overcoming all the future possible climatic adversities.

Saying that an unusually good harvest this year is attributable to a sufficient supply of fertilizer, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song highly

praised and sent thanks to all of the party members and working people of the Hungnam fertilizer complex who set an example in the production of fertilizers and of the Kwon District coal mining complex who greatly contributed to the production of fertilizers.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song instructed that as the Hungnam fertilizer complex has fulfilled the production plan for the current manuring year, it should carry out the repair of the equipment concentrically in a short period and bring about innovation in the production of fertilizers again in the new manuring year.

All of the party members and working people of South Hamgyong Province, including the agricultural working people who received the on-the-spot teachings of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, are filled with the firm determination to reap a rich harvest again this year by thoroughly implementing the teachings of the great leader.

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KANGSO KNITWEAR MILL--Pyongyang, 30 Jul--The Kangso knitwear mill produced 1.5 times as many good-quality knitted goods in the first half of this year as in the same period last year. One of the biggest of its kind in the country, it produces annually tens of millions of pieces of knitted goods including various knitted jackets, mufflers, underwear for spring and autumn seasons, and sporting suits. It is a large modern mill with over 30 big and small buildings in a space extending tens of thousands of square metres. In the last six-year plan period, our country installed more knitting equipment of various kinds including upper garments knitting equipment with a capacity of 15 million pieces. In the second seven-year plan period (1978-1984) the output of knitted goods will increase 1.7 times. [Excerpts] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1504 GMT 8 Aug 79 SK]

COAL INDUSTRY ADVANCES--Pyongyang, 7 Aug--The coal mines across the country topped the July target, having [word indistinct] the first half year plan ahead of schedule. The Anju District coal mining complex is making titanic efforts to double coal output this year as against last year and lift its production capacity to a 15 million ton mark in the near future. Its coal cutting companies have raised their daily coal output by more than 1,000 tons each [word indistinct]. The coal cutting companies of the Obong, Aoji, Kogonwon, Onsong, Hakpo and Ilsin coal mines of the northern coal basin excavate more than 10,000 tons each a month. During the 6-year plan period (1971-1976) the huge Toksong, Sochang and Kumya youth coal mines were developed and many new pits were commissioned at the coal mines in the northern and western regions. The 50 million-ton target of coal envisaged in the 6-year plan was hit one year and four months ahead of time. Great efforts were directed to the coal industry last year, the first year of the second 7-year plan, with a resultant sharp growth in coal (?outout). [Word indistinct] in the first half of this year was 11 per cent up on last year's like period. [Excerpts] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1058 GMT 7 Aug 79 SK]

RED FLAG AWARDS--The following factories received the "Three-Revolution Red Flag" award in April 1979: steel workshop 1 of the Kangson Steel Complex, cast iron workshop of the Nagwon Machine Factory, the boat "Unpasan" of the Sinpo Fishery Station, and Sokkae Working of the Saengjang Forestry Station. The Mansudae Art Studio received both the Three-Revolution Red Flag and Order of National Flag First Class. [Pyongyang KOREA TODAY in English Jul 79 p 77]

3,000-TON PRESS--The working class and the three-revolutions group members of 8 August plant, showing the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance, have done a wonderful job of building a 3,000-ton die forging press which can handle large die forgings. After this die forging press was introduced in the production of (?shafts) for diesel engines, the production increased by five times compared to the free die forging method. The press was built in a short time. The workers in the die forging plant have made heavy die forgings weighing 10 to 30 tons by increasing the capacity of the furnace and the press. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2200 GMT 19 Aug 79 SK]

RICE HARVESTING MACHINES--The third ministry of the machine building industry is pushing ahead with production of rice harvesting machines. Almost twice the planned number of machines are being built every day in every plant. At the Haeju combine farming machine plant, the workers are striving to manufacture more modern rice harvesting machines suitable to the Korean topography and the Korean people, taking into consideration the opinions of local farmers. The workers plan to complete manufacturing this month the number of motors originally planned to be finished by the end of September, thus setting a new record. They also overfulfilled the target for manufacturing motors by 130 percent with the help of a conveyor system. The Kumsong tractor plant, the Victory automobile plant and the 26 June plant are working hard on rice harvesting machines. The third ministry of the machine building industry is audaciously setting the task of finishing the whole planned quantity by 15 September. [Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2200 GMT 19 Aug 79 SK]

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JAPANESE OLYMPIC SOCCER TEAM TO TOUR DPRK ON TRAINING

Seoul KOREA HERALD in English 5 Aug 79 p 1

[Text] TOKYO (Hapdong)--The 24-member Japanese Olympic soccer squad will next Friday embark on a two-week overseas training tour of the Soviet Union and north Korea, the Japan Football Association (JFA) said yesterday.

JFA said that the Japanese national soccer squad will first visit the Soviet's Far Eastern city, Khabarovsk, and then north Korea for several training games in both places respectively.

JFA said the itinerary and composition of the delegation (21 players, head coach, coach and a doctor) were all decided upon last July 31 and that they are now awaiting north Korea's answer about detailed flight and games schedules there.

It's the first time ever for the Japanese national sports delegation enters north Korea, with which Japan have no diplomatic tie, and thus it is noted whether this occasion might further develop into a regular sports exchange between the two.

Though the JFA officials stressed this is just an overseas training tour and ruled out any possibility of north Korea will invite the Japanese national footballers in the near future, it appears likely the JFA would reciprocate the north Korean footballers' invitation.

JFA said that there would be no journalist to accompany their trip to north Korea, raising doubt that it might be due to the north Korean hard stand. But the JFA officials explained that there is no sense for the reporters to accompany them, because they will be engaged in training and goodwill games.

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BRIEFS

MOVIEMEN'S DELEGATION TO USSR--Pyongyang, 14 Aug (KCNA)--A moviemen's delegation of our country headed by Chu Sok-pong emplaned here today for the Soviet Union to attend the 11th Moscow International Film Festival. The delegation was seen off at the airport by personages concerned and B. K. Pimenov, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Soviet Embassy in Pyongyang. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1524 GMT 14 Aug 79 SK]

HEALTH DELEGATION RETURNS--Pyongyang, 31 Jul (KCNA)--The public health delegation of our country headed by Pak Myong-pin returned home from Yugoslavia by air on July 30. It was met at the airport by personages concerned Kim Kwan-sop and Yi Chong-yul and Tode Vardziski, Yugoslav ambassador to our country. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0354 GMT 31 Jul 79 SK]

NEW ZEALAND LEGISLATOR--Pyongyang, 11 Aug--Warren Freer, member of parliament of New Zealand, deplaned here on August 10. The guest was met by personage concerned Chang Se-kuk at the airport. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0338 GMT 11 Aug 79 SK]

JAPANESE INDEPENDENCE GROUP--Pyongyang, 10 Aug--The delegation of the Japanese "Society for Independence" headed by Shinichi Takagi, chief of its Fukuoka workers' branch, left Wonsan on August 9 by the ship "Mangyongbon." While staying in our country from July 22, the delegation toured Pyongyang, Kaesong area and other parts. [Excerpt] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0330 GMT 11 Aug 79 SK]

PRC OPERA DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 26 Jul--The Chinese Beijing Opera Theatre delegation headed by He Jingzhi, vice minister of culture and art of the People's Republic of China, appreciated a music and dance performance of the song and dance ensemble of the Korean People's Army at the February 8 house of culture on July 25. Working people in the city and personages concerned Chang Chol, Yi Sang-tae and Kim Ung-to saw the performance in company with the guests. Charge d'Affaires ad Interim He Zhangming and staffers of the Chinese Embassy in Pyongyang were also in the audience. At the end of the performance, Chinese artists presented a floral basket to the performers, congratulating them on their successful show. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0812 26 Jul 79 SK]

AGRICULTURAL DELEGATION RETURNS--Pyongyang, 26 Jul--The delegation of the union of agricultural working people of our country returned to Pyongyang by air on July 25 from a visit to Romania. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0334 GMT 26 Jul 79 SK]

JOURNALISTS DELEGATION RETURNS--Pyongyang, 27 Jul--A journalists delegation of our country returned to Pyongyang by plane on July 26 from a visit to Iraq. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0402 GMT 27 Jul 79 SK]

DPRK-POLAND FRIENDSHIP COOPERATIVE--Pyongyang, 28 Jul--The delegation of the Korea-Poland Friendship Changsuwon cooperative farm returned to Pyongyang by plane on July 26 from a visit to Poland. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0332 GMT 28 Jul 79 SK]

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N. KOREA/BIOGRAPHICS

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON DPRK PERSONALITIES AND KOREANS IN JAPAN

[Unless otherwise indicated, biographic information has been extracted from Korean and English language sources published in Pyongyang.]

Cha Tu-hyok

Labor hero and mechanization workteam leader of the Chaegyong Cooperative Farm, Sunan District (KOREA TODAY in English Jul 79 pp 36-38)

Ch'oe Yang-ho

Deputy director of the International Department of NODONG SINMUN (Age 37); was mentioned by ASAHI SHINBUN Correspondent Keitaro Oguri who covered the 35th World Table Tennis Tournament in Pyongyang (Tokyo ASAHI SHINBUN in Japanese 16 May 79 p 7)

Hong Chong-son

Labor hero; was subject of the article, "A Society Where Working People Have Become Master of the Country" (THE KOREAN TRADE UNIONS in English No 3, 79 pp 10-11)

hwang Se-pyong

Director of the Production Guidance Department of the General Bureau for Coal Industry; was interviewed by a journalist from KOREA TODAY (KOREA TODAY in English Jul 79 pp 31-33)

Kim Chong-hyon

Chairman of the Korean Ferrous Metal Export and Import Corporation; visited Malaysia on a trade mission in late May 1979. During the trip DPRK secured about \$25-30 million worth of contracts to supply steel to Malaysia. (Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English 30 May 79 p 14)

Ko Chun-il (female)

Deputy to the SPA and labor hero; is employed at the September Textile Mill. Was conferred the title of the labor hero for her high production record (WOMEN OF KOREA in English No 2, 79 p 40)

Ko Kun-sun (female)

Deputy to the SPA and a labor hero; is manager of the Kusong Textile Mill. Met President Kim Il-song for the first time when he visited Kusong Textile Mill in January 1954. (WOMEN OF KOREA in English No 2, 79 p 39)

Pak Se-chan

Secretary general of the Committee for the Promotion of Foreign Trade; headed a delegation which visited Japan from 11 July 1979 for a month. (Tokyo KYODO in English 1246 GMT 10 Jul 79 OW)

Pak Song-hoe

Vice chairman of the Mining Industries Committee; was at the airport to welcome a Burmese goodwill delegation when it arrived in Pyongyang 13 July 1979 (Rangoon THE WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 14 Jul 79 p 1)

Yang Ok-nyo (female)

Deputy to the SPA; is in charge of the train section between Kanggye and Songgan. Was a kitchen maid during the days of Japanese colonial rule. Met President Kim Il-song on 14 March 1961 at the National Meeting of Active Workers in the Fields of Communication and Transport (WOMEN OF KOREA in English No 2, 79 p 39)

Yi Won-ok (female)

Dean of the Kanggye Teachers' College; was subject of the article, "Honor of Teacher" (KOREA TODAY in English Jul 79 pp 72-73)

Yom Kwan-sang

Professor at the People's Economic College (age 47); was mentioned by ASAHI SHINBUN Correspondent Keitaro Oguri who covered the 35th World Table Tennis Tournament in Pyongyang (Tokyo ASAHI SHINBUN in Japanese 18 May 79 p 7)

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